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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:  
Peter George Bennett et al. § Group Art Unit: 3753  
Serial No.: 10/706,784 § Examiner: unknown  
Filed: November 12, 2003  
For: COLLAPSIBLE FLEXIBLE PIPE  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicant, Peter George Bennett, by and through his attorney of record, hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept the filing of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application by him, as the party to which the invention disclosed and claimed in said patent application rightfully belongs, and on behalf of Justin Tuohy.

In support of this petition, attached are the following documents:

1. Declaration by Inventor, Peter George Bennett;
  2. Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor and Affidavit of Simon Ellis;
  3. Assignment document, assigning rights from Peter George Bennett to Wellstream International Limited;
  4. Inventor's Declaration for Patent Application; and
  5. Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by an official of Wellstream International Limited.

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The name and last known address of the inventor refusing to join in this application is as follows:

Justin Tuohy  
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The fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Warren Kice  
Attorney for Applicant

Date: 6/3/04

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**DECLARATION BY INVENTOR**

I, Peter George Bennett, believe that I am entitled to make such application on behalf of Justin Tuohy pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).

A Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor (37 CFR 1.47) and the Affidavit of Simon Ellis are attached hereto to show support by first hand knowledge the facts and circumstances surrounding the refusal of the inventor to sign.

Based upon the foregoing, I, Peter George Bennett, am entitled to clear title to the invention and to the above-identified patent application and to any patent that issues thereon.

The fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Peter George Bennett  
Applicant

Date: 18 May 2004.  
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF  
OF NON-SIGNING INVENTOR (37 CFR 1.47)  
AND AFFIDAVIT OF SIMON ELLIS**

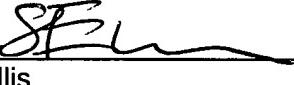
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Dear Sir:

I, Simon Ellis, the undersigned, declare

1. I am currently employed by Assignee, Wellstream International Limited, of the above identified patent application, as Contracts Coordinator.
  2. The non-signing inventor, Mr. Justin Tuohy, is no longer employed by Wellstream International Limited (Assignee).
  3. I have tried several attempts to reach inventor, Justin Tuohy, by telephone with no success. The telephone number is no longer in service.
  4. The address on record in our Human Resource Department is no longer valid. Mr. Tuohy has moved and left no forwarding address.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent issuing therefrom.

  
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Simon Ellis  
Contracts Coordinator  
for Wellstream International Limited

Date: 18 MAY 2004

Witnessed:

Signature:   
S. EASTAUGH

Date: 18 MAY 2004.

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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C O P Y

WHEREAS, I,

(1) Peter George Bennett of Morpeth, United Kingdom

have invented certain improvements in

**COLLAPSIBLE FLEXIBLE PIPE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME**

and filed a United States patent application therefor on the following date(s):

(1) November 12, 2003, Serial No. 10/706,784

WHEREAS, **WELLSTREAM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales, having a place of business at Wellstream House, Wincomblee Road, Walker Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 3PF, United Kingdom (hereinafter called "**WELLSTREAM**"), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the above named, hereby acknowledge my prior existing obligation and hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **WELLSTREAM**, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisionals, renewals, continuing applications thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to **WELLSTREAM**, its successors and assigns; and I hereby agree that **WELLSTREAM** may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention and I will execute all

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papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by  
**WELLSTREAM.**

Signed and sealed:

(1)

P.G. Bennett

Peter George Bennett

18 May 2004

Date

Witness by:

(1)

Signature

Date:

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